

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached 7 sheets (Figs. 1-12) of formal drawings for the informal drawings originally filed with the application. A separate Transmittal of Formal Drawings is submitted.

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a and 8b are being presented as a new formal drawing sheet or sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet or sheets. The drawing figure 5a-8b inclusive have been formatted to comply with USPTO requirements. No new matter has been added.

The specific changes which have been made to the figures are providing each figure with a figure number.

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 1-15.

Claims 1-10 are currently being amended.

Claims 11 and 12 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12 (12 claims) are now pending in this application.

This application is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012584, filed November 6, 2004 which claims priority to German Application No. 102004007863.7, filed February 17, 2004, the entire disclosure of both applications are incorporated herein by this reference.

The Applicant has provided a substitute specification which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference which added paragraph numbers and heading titles as appropriate to conform to USPTO practice as well as correction of certain grammatical and typographical errors. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

The Applicant has amended Figures 5a through 8b by adding figure numbers to each of the figures. No new material has been added to the figures and the element numbers are the same as originally filed in the PCT. Formal drawings are submitted with this application.

The Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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